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The Grandmaster and the Challenger have stolen the Earth to use as a cosmic playing board. The Lethal Legion and the Black Order are their chess pieces, and they're fighting to claim Pyramoids, which wreak elemental havoc on their surroundings. Most of the world's heroes and villains have been trapped in stasis to limit the number of "designated obstacles," leaving behind only a handful of Avengers as the planet's last line of defense.

The return of Voyager, the lost founding Avenger, has increased their chances of survival, but the endgame has begun. So far, the Black Order and the Lethal Legion have each claimed a Pyramoid, and the Avengers have claimed two, but their team members were seemingly disintegrated as a result.

With the title of "Grandmaster" on the line, the competitors are pulling out all the stops to claim the final game piece: the Soul Pyramoid, which has been deployed directly on top of the hospital where longtime Avengers butler Jarvis is fighting for his life!

And now that the Challenger has revealed that his ace in the hole is the strongest one there is, the odds have tipped dramatically in his favor...

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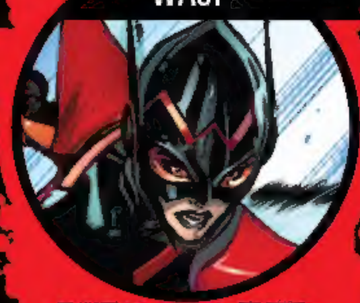

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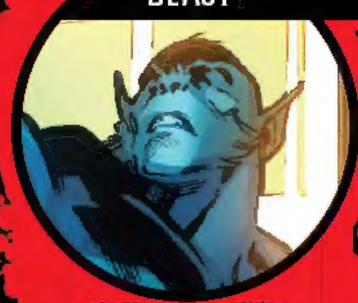

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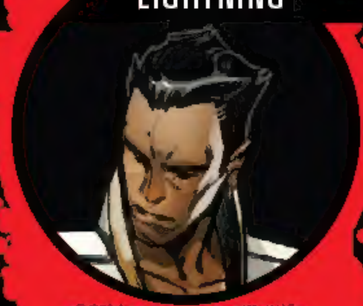

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ENIGMA

AIKKU JOKINEN

AVENGERS

VOYAGER

VALERIE VECTOR

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JEHOSHAPHAT--

FINGER OFF THE *TRIGGER*, GENERAL--IT'S JUST ME.

MIGUEL SANTOS? THE *LIVING LIGHTNING?*

I FOLLOW YOU ON THE *FACEBOOK!*

WELL, I JUST GO BY "*LIGHTNING*" NOW, BUT--

WAIT-- *ENIGMA?*

I THOUGHT YOU WERE IN *STASIS*...

I *WAS*. BUT I SNAPPED *OUT* OF IT WHEN...WELL...

WORD ON THE *WIRE* IS WE JUST LOST *RED WOLF*. NOT *CONFIRMED*, BUT ONLY 'CAUSE *HAWKEYE'S* IN *DENIAL*.

YOU BROUGHT ANY *GOOD* NEWS? WE COULD *USE* IT...

ROGUE'S TEAM IS *ALIVE*. BEST I CAN DO.

IS *VOYAGER* AROUND? THEY NEED *TRANSPORT* FROM THE *ANTARCTIC*--

SHE JUST *LEFT*. SAID SHE HAD TO GET BACK IN THE *FIELD*.

WE THOUGHT SHE HAD GONE TO *YOU*...

WEIRD. OKAY, I'LL SEND A *QUINJET* FOR ROGUE AND COMPANY.

THE SOONER THEY'RE *MOBILE*, THE SOONER THEY CAN HELP WITH *THIS*...

DIOS...

TONI... WHAT AM I LOOKING AT?

"...IN JARVIS' HOSPITAL."
AND THINGS JUST GOT WORSE.
OH, NO...
NO TIME TO HESITATE, HANK.
DO YOU DEAL WITH THE DEADLY ALIEN ARTIFACT THAT JUST MATERIALIZED IN THE HOSPITAL CORRIDOR--
--OR DO YOU HELP THE WASP FIGHT THE ALIEN PATHOGEN INSIDE JARVIS' BRAIN?
BEAST, HE'S FADING AGAIN! WE'RE LOSING HIM!

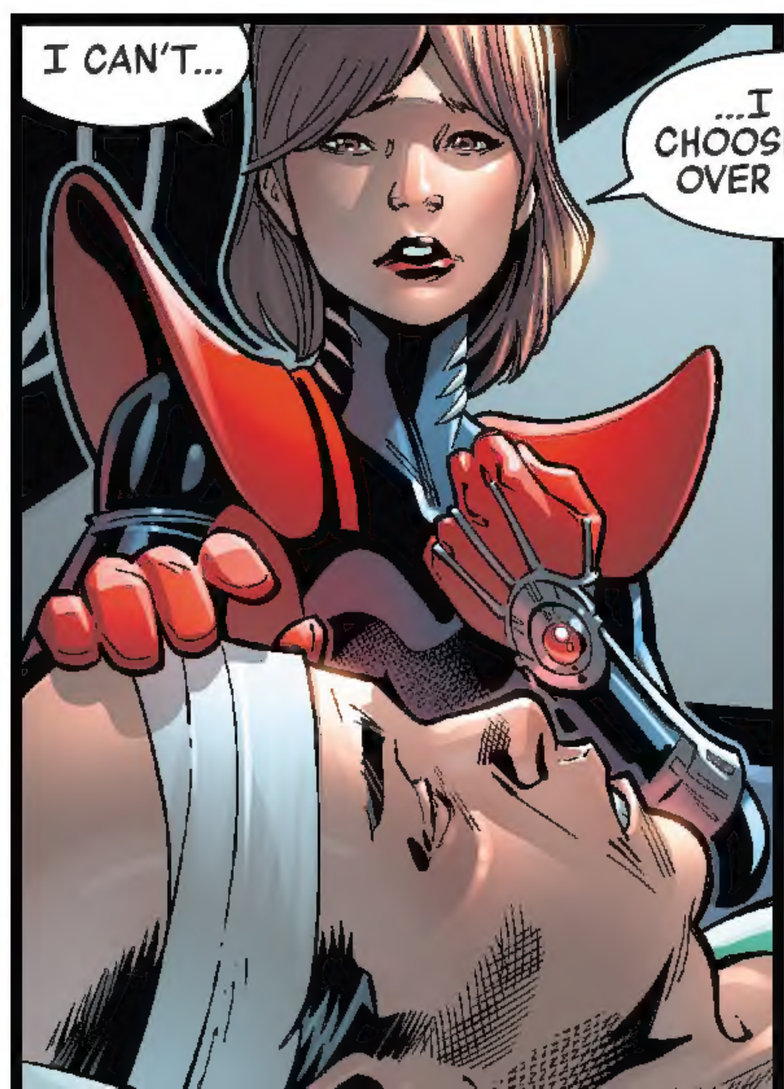
NEEDS OF THE MANY VS. NEEDS OF THE FEW. NOT EVEN A DECISION.
NADIA, FILL AN INJECTOR WITH THAT ANTIDOTE AS QUICKLY AS YOU CAN AND GET READY TO SIZE DOWN!
I'LL BE RIGHT BACK!
SIR, TRY NOT TO PANIC! IT'S MERELY A GHOST--A WRAITH, OBVIOUSLY OF SOME POOR SOUL WHO DIED IN THIS PLACE--
--ALBEIT ONE WITH A GRIP! LET GO OF HIM!
AAAH!
NOOOOOOOO--
NO GOOD.
PLAN "B," THEN. ELIMINATE THE THREAT THE ONLY WAY WE KNOW HOW TO.
YOU MAKE PHYSICAL CONTACT WITH A PYRAMOID, IT DISINTEGRATES...
...AND SO DO YOU.

I'VE PINPOINTED THE PATHOGEN'S LOCATION AS BEST I COULD. IT SHOULD BE ELIMINATED WHEN YOU INJECT IT WITH THIS.
YOU MEAN WHEN YOU INJECT--

NO.
NADIA, HONEY! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
I CAN ONLY GIVE YOU ABOUT FIFTEEN MINUTES, SO BE QUICK, WHILE I...

LOOK...YOU'RE TOO IMPORTANT. THE TEAM NEEDS YOU.
BESIDES, THERE'S TWO OF ME. TWO WASPS, ANYWAY--ME AND JAN. MAYBE WE DON'T NEED BOTH, OR MAYBE...

ALL THAT MATTERS IS THE PYRAMOID AND WHAT IT'S DOING. AND AN AVENGER HAS TO SAVE INNOCENT PEOPLE NO MATTER... NO MATTER WHAT.


I CAN'T...
...I CAN'T CHOOSE JARVIS OVER THEM...

HE TAUGHT ME BETTER THAN THAT.

DAMN IT. DAMN IT, NADIA, NO!
SHE'S JUST A CHILD! IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN ME!
I'VE HAD MY TIME! SHE HASN'T!
GODSPEED, LITTLE ONE. I'VE NOT KNOWN YOU FOR LONG, BUT IT'S OBVIOUS THAT OF ALL THE AVENGERS, THERE'S NEVER BEEN ONE SMARTER. MORE FULL OF HOPE.
THERE'S NEVER BEEN ONE BRAVER.
GOODBYE.

SNAPPP
HNNFF!
?
THAT... WASN'T IN THE RULEBOOK.
WHY DIDN'T IT TAKE ME?
FIGURE THAT OUT LATER. LET'S TRY SOME PYM PARTICLES.
I CAN'T TOUCH IT? IT WON'T EVEN SHRINK?
...
NOW WHAT...?

FASTEST ROUTE TO THE LIMBIC SYSTEM IS THE CAROTID EXPRESS.
INSTINCTIVELY, I HOLD MY BREATH EVEN THOUGH I'M NEARLY AS TINY AS AN OXYGEN MOLECULE.
AT MICROSCOPIC SIZE, YOU SUSTAIN NOT ON AIR OR FOOD BUT RATHER THROUGH THE PYM PARTICLES THAT RESIZED YOU.
BEST NOT TO DWELL ON THE HOW OF IT.
MOVING EIGHTEEN CENTIMETERS A SECOND. I HAVE TO TIME THIS JUUUUUST--
--RIGHT!
PERFECT. IN THE FOLDS OF THE HIPPOCAMPUS. THE PATHOGEN SHOULD BE QUITE NEAR--
HOLY HANNAH--!

DUCK!
SWISH
DON'T PANIC, OKAY? AND DON'T FIGHT ME ON THIS! I REALIZE SHRINKING FEELS ODD--
--BUT I'VE GOT IT ALL UNDER CONTROL.
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MAYBE IF I KEEP SAYING IT, I'LL START TO BELIEVE IT.

TRAPPED IN THE VALLEY OF THE SYNAPSES.
NEURONS SWAPPING ELECTROCHEMICAL SIGNALS WITH THEIR NEIGHBORS. THAT'S HOW THE BRAIN FUNCTIONS.
HAD I NOT BEEN IN A MAD RUSH, I WOULD HAVE CONSTRUCTED SOME SORT OF "LIGHTNING ROD."
GOOD THING I'M THE AGILE AVENGER. WHICH IS A TERRIBLE NAME FOR MY AUTOBIOGRAPHY.
REGARDLESS, IF I MEET THE SAME FATE AS POOR NADIA TODAY, I HOPE I'LL BE FONDLY REMEMBERED.
OH, MY.
I NEEDN'T WORRY.

GLORIOSKY, OLD MAN.
YOU TRULY ARE A LIVING HISTORY OF THE AVENGERS.

LOGICAL. I'M IN THE MEMORY CENTER.
AND JARVIS HAS BEEN THERE FOR EVERYTHING AVENGERS, FROM THE EARLIEST DAYS RIGHT TO THE PRESENT. OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS, OUR FAILURES, OUR SPIRIT.
WE'VE SEEN SO MANY CHANGES, LIVED SO MANY ADVENTURES...
WE MAY NOT ALWAYS GET ALONG, BUT ONE TRUTH IS NEVER IN CONTENTION.
OUR FAITHFUL DOMESTIC ENGINEER TURNED ASSISTANT IS LOYAL TO A FAULT. WE'VE NO ONE MORE BELOVED.
JARVIS IS A GOOD MAN. HE IS A FRIEND, AND HE IS THE HEART AND SOUL OF THIS TEAM.
AND HE WILL NOT DIE TODAY.

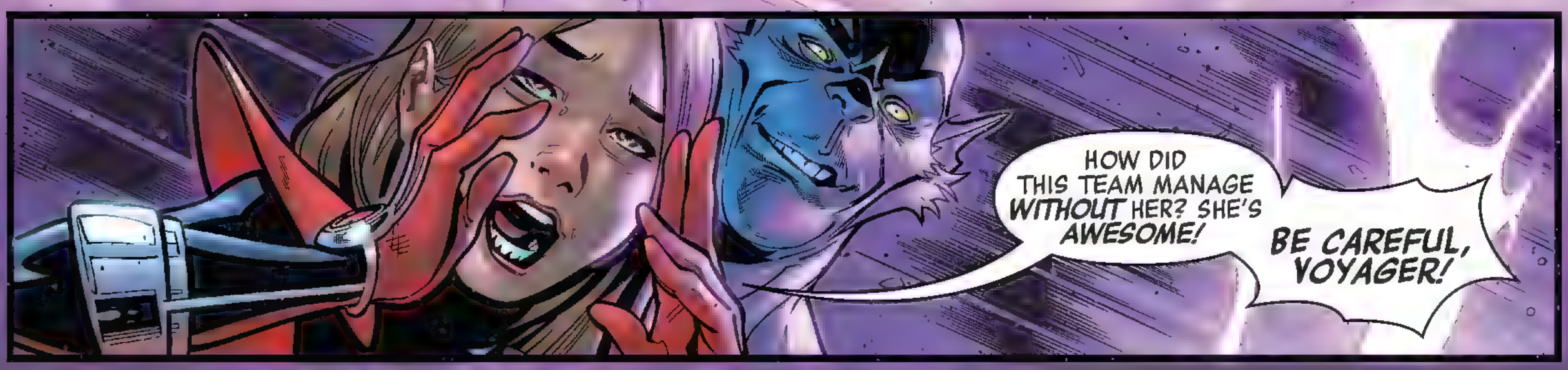
I WAS CONCERNED THE PATHOGEN MIGHT BE HARD TO FIND. INSTEAD, I CAN'T *MISS* IT.
NO! THE ANTIDOTE--!
OUTSMART IT, HANK!
OUTFIGHT IT!
IT...
...WON'T STOP COMING!
I'M SORRY, OLD FRIEND.

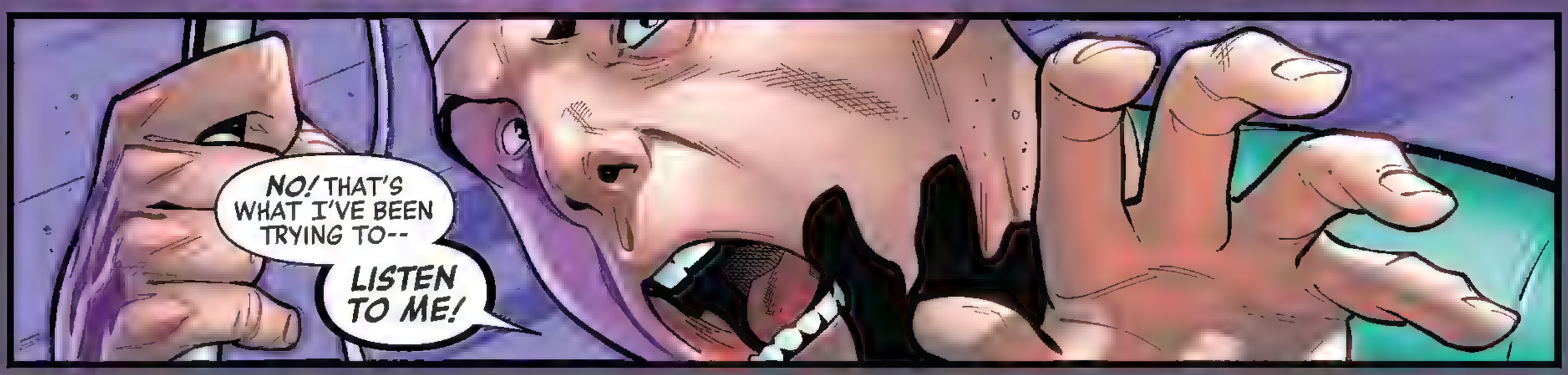
I'VE FAILED YOU.
SKLSSSH
NADIA!
THIS PYRAMOID DIDN'T VANISH. I CLEARED THE AREA, BUT I WAS TERRIFIED OF MOVING JARVIS IN SUCH A CRITICAL STATE!
THEN LET'S TAKE CARE OF THAT RIGHT AWAY!
UNNNNNN...
INCREDIBLE! HE'S ALREADY FEELING THE EFFECTS!
BY JOVE, WE'VE DONE IT! HE'S GOING TO BE ALL RIGHT--

FAKOOM
I...I CAN FINALLY... MOVE...CAN =KOFF= SPEAK...?
JARVIS, STAY STILL! YOU NEED TIME--!
NO. I COULD HEAR YOU...THE WHOLE TIME...EVERY WORD...
...AND SOMETHING IS TERRIBLY WRONG...
SOMEONE... SOMEONE IS...
HOLD THAT THOUGHT, SIR! WE'RE STILL IN DANGER--!
DON'T WORRY, HANK...
...LET ME HANDLE THIS!

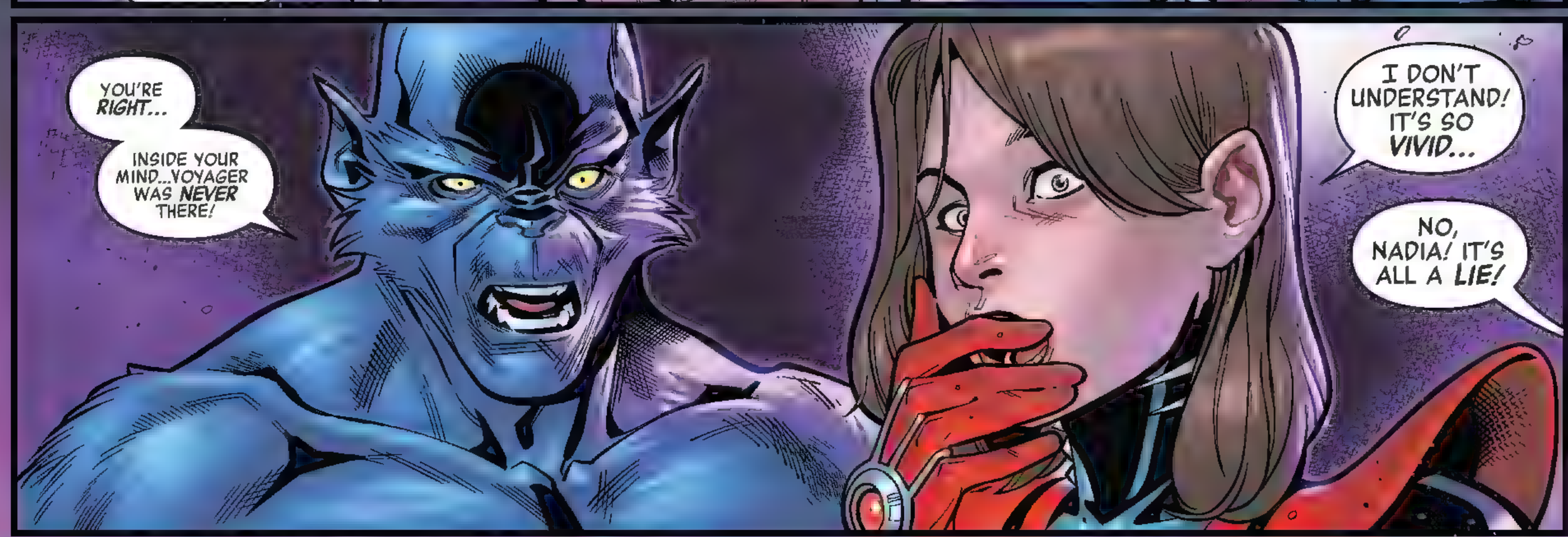
OH, THANK YOU, GOD I MOST DEFINITELY BELIEVE IN AT THIS MOMENT!

IT'S *VOYAGER!*





DON'T YOU SEE?! YOU'VE ALL BEEN TRICKED! YOUR DEEPEST MEMORIES HAVE BEEN ALTERED!
THERE IS NO VALERIE VECTOR! THERE IS NO VOYAGER!


YOU'RE RIGHT...
INSIDE YOUR MIND...VOYAGER WAS NEVER THERE!
I DON'T UNDERSTAND! IT'S SO VIVID...
NO, NADIA! IT'S ALL A LIE!

WHOEVER THAT WOMAN IS--

--SHE'S NOT AN AVENGER! SHE NEVER WAS!

SO THEN, WHO IS SHE?!
SOMEONE WHO JUST STOLE THE FINAL PYRAMOID...
...AND MIGHT HAVE DAMNED US ALL.
CONTINUED--IN ONE WEEK!

THE ASSEMBLY

Welcome, True Believers, to another edition of THE ASSEMBLY, where we take you behind the scenes of the world's wildest weekly event! And this week is all about boisterous butler EDWIN JARVIS! I'll let our esteemed editor Tom Brevoort hit the highlights!

TOM BREVOORT'S TOP 5 JARVIS STORIES

Practically since the team's inception, the Avengers' manservant Edwin Jarvis has been the de facto heart of its operation. Here are five of the most noteworthy appearances of Earth's Mightiest Butler:

AVENGERS #54-55: Jarvis is revealed to secretly be the Crimson Cowl, the new leader of the Masters of Evil! Or is he? The first story to truly feature Jarvis as anything more than a background figure, he proves his mettle here, overcoming personal injury and putting his life at risk to aid his charges, the Avengers.

AVENGERS #201: Jarvis's first solo story, illustrated by the master, George Pérez, sees him take on a street thug who's been terrorizing the Bronx neighborhood where Jarvis' mother lives. The boxing skills Jarvis learned during his time in the Royal Air Force serve him in good stead here.

AVENGERS #280: In the aftermath of a brutal beating at the hands of the largest Masters of Evil ever assembled--a beating that costs him 90% of his vision in his left eye--Jarvis reflects on his long history as the manservant to Earth's Mightiest Heroes and contemplates his future with the team.

AVENGERS #298: With the Avengers disbanded thanks to the manipulations of Nebula, Jarvis is forced to fight alone when the events of the INFERNO storyline cause the city to come alive and attack its inhabitants. Jarvis also picks up a girlfriend along the way, Glory Garsen.

AVENGERS ANNUAL 1999: Jarvis finds that he holds the key to defeating the colossal robotic Protectorate, who have come to usurp the Avengers as the defenders of the world--and it lies with Fabian Stankiewicz, the former Mechano-Marauder turned Avengers associate. In an instance where power isn't enough, it is Jarvis' compassion that saves the day.

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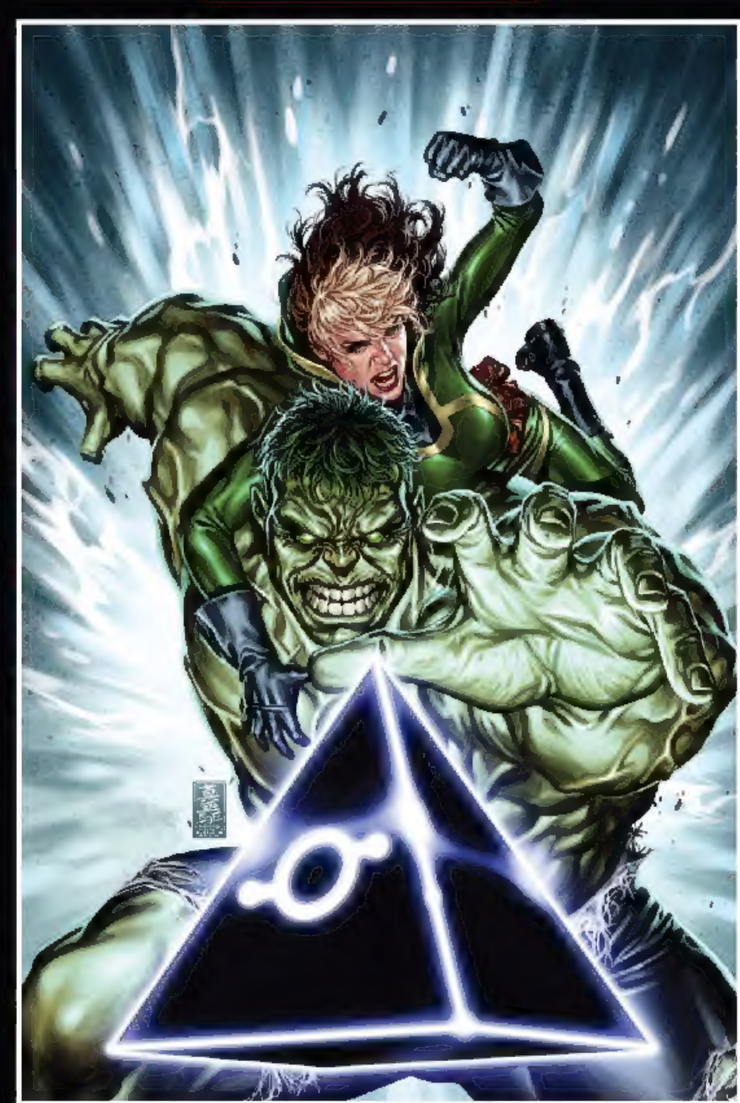

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Back from the dead. He cannot be reasoned with. He will not be stopped. Bruce Banner isn't home right now. There is only THE IMMORTAL HULK.

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